

## ARGENTINA - SANTA CRUZ



### INTRODUCTION

The Spirit of Glaciers offers the opportunity to live the magic of the Patagonian glaciers, one of the most impressive sights in the world. During three days you will navigate among stunning ice floes until you reach the most important glaciers of the Parque Nacional los Glaciares: Upsala, Spegazzini, Mayo, and Perito Moreno. Majestic blue and turquoise millenary ice, of up to 5 kilometers (3 miles) wide; beautiful reddish sunsets; and unique nights, special for looking at the constellation map, make this unforgettable landscape the destination of the most demanding travelers.

The Santa Cruz ship, equipped with huge panoramic windows in the cabins and communal lounges, allows the contemplation of the unique sights that Lago Argentino (lake) offers. The adventure of the The Spirit of the Glaciers includes landings in specific panoramic sites so as to observe, interpret and understand the most surprising characteristics of the place.

This is more than a trip, this is an adventure in which you will become one with nature, a truly enriching experience.

### ITINERARY

#### TRIP CODE

ARTSTSG

#### DEPARTURE

Operates Fridays September through April

#### DURATION

3 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Argentina, Patagonia



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### DAY 1: Embarkation in Bahia Tranquila

The tour will depart from private port La Soledad, Bahia Tranquila, in the area of Puerto Bandera. Here you will be welcomed to by your friendly crew who will provide you will all the information you will need for your upcoming journey. You will set sail for Puesto de las Vacas (Alemana Bay is an extremely calm part of the Spegazzini Channel), where you spend your first night and enjoy your first dinner. You will pass Punta Avellaneda and Boca del Diablo, which at 800 metres wide form the narrowest part of the lake. After dinner, guests are invited to participate in various on board activities.



### DAY 2: Spegazzini and Upsala Glacier

In the morning you will disembark in the area of Puesto de Vacas for a short walk. Later, navigation continues towards the Spegazzini Glacier, which shows you all its splendor, the sun shining bright over its tall ice walls, which can tower at heights of 145 metres. There you will have lunch. After lunch the ship sets sail towards the massive Upsala Glacier. The sight of the first icebergs indicates its proximity. This glacier is largest in all of South America, rising to a height of 74 metres and covering an area of 250 square kilometres. Afterwards, the vessel cruises along the Seno Mayo, where passengers have dinner and overnight in Toro Bay.



### DAY 3: Perito Moreno Glacier

After a short navigation south, you will disembark for a short walk into the Andean Patagonian forest to a viewpoint from which the Mayo and Negro glaciers can be observed. You will be humbled at the sheer size of these incredible forces of nature. As the spectacular final leg of your voyage, you will come to the indescribable Perito Moreno Glacier. One of, if not the most incredible glaciers in the world, the views you will witness are sheerly breathtaking. If you are lucky you may have the unique opportunity to witness the crackling and thunderous crash of water as a chunk of ice plunges into the frigid water, due to the constant advancement of the glacier. After this, you will disembark in Puesto Vacas and sail back to Puerto Bahia Tranquila.



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### INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Deluxe
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>Cabin accommodation on board vessel  All meals whilst on board  Full board services wwith alcoholic beverages at meals  Private transfers to/from El Calefate  Sightseeing with local English-Speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>  International flights  Visa &amp; reciprocity fees (if applicable)  Travel insurance  Personal expenses  Gratuities for crew/guides</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	Itinerary may be subject to change due to weather conditions.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, season & availability.

### SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

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While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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